

Enterprises. For the past forty-four years he has provided labor services with a safe and secure environment for his employees. During periods of water shortages, he has searched for other opportunities to place his workers to ensure that they are able to work and are able to provide for their families. Mr. Hall holds licenses that allow him to provide farm labor in twenty-nine countries. His business provides services to more than three hundred thousand acres and employs nearly thirty thousand people through out the state of California.

Beyond his generosity to his employees, Mr. Hall is dedicated to his community as well. He has provided financial assistance to various causes including health care, charitable organizations and child services. Mr. Hall is part of the Farm Labor Contractors Alliance, the California Association of Agricultural Labor and an active member of Ag SAFE. He is currently serving as the Chairman for the Fresno County Farm Bureau Labor Committee and the Rural Health and Safety Committee. In 2003, Mr. Hall was awarded the "Central California Excellence in Business Award" by The Fresno Bee.

As a young man, Mr. Hall was turned pro in the rodeo circuit; he is a lifetime member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association and is a "gold card" holder which allows him to compete in the over-fifty age group. He is involved in rodeo events by assisting and providing advice and sponsorship to youth preparing for rodeo events.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Earl Hall upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Hall many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF STRAFFORD
HIGH SCHOOL FLAMING ARROW
INDIAN PRIDE MARCHING BAND

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today with pleasure and pride to pay tribute to the achievements of the Music Department at Strafford High School in Strafford, Missouri. The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride Marching Band and choir will participate in the events surrounding the December 31, 2009, Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. A long-standing event at the bowl game is the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Band Festival.

The music festival has clinics and competition for choir, concert band, jazz band and marching band. The Strafford marching band and choir will compete against other schools while the Marching Band will march in the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade in downtown Atlanta on New Year's Eve. Game day, the Strafford band will participate in a pre-game and halftime massed band "extravaganza" of 2,000 members performing in the Georgia Dome Olympic Stadium.

Strafford, Missouri, is my hometown. Today, Strafford has a population of 1,845 citizens, and the high school has approximately 400 students. The band and choir are made up of 55 motivated, hardworking teens in concert and marching band, 20 students in jazz band

and 36 students in choir. The music department is under the direction of Shane Harmon.

The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride Marching Band consistently ranks among the best bands in Missouri, earning first place at six judged events this year. At the 2007 Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida, the Strafford concert band, jazz band and marching band each earned a 1st place Silver rating, and the concert choir earned a 1st place Gold rating. These achievements led to the invitation to participate at the band festival at the Chick-fil-A Bowl. This recognition is the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by Strafford students, faculty and their families.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 4

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for November 2009.

SH-216

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal drinking water programs.

SD-406

1:30 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Afghanistan.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 1559, to consolidate democracy and security in the Western Balkans by supporting the Governments and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro in reaching their goal of eventual NATO membership, and to welcome further NATO partnership with the Republic of Serbia, and the nominations of Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to

be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and Bill Delahunt, of Massachusetts, Elaine Schuster, of Florida, and Christopher H. Smith, of New Jersey, all to be a Representative, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, and Wellington E. Webb, of Colorado, both to be an Alternate Representative, all of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, all of the Department of State.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Energy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine H.R. 957, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, H.R. 2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, H.R. 3165, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, H.R. 3585, to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, S. 737, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small nonroad engines, S. 1617, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology, S. 2744, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources, and S. 2773, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol